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BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS

MEMORANDUM September 30, 2004

TO:

The Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: R. Alan Shubert, P. E. - Building Permits and Inspections Director

FROM:

Tom Maguire, Housing Compliance Supervisor

SUBJECT:

8313 Hester Road

(Rep. District #7)

The following is a brief chronology of the investigation of the referenced location:

- 1) First investigated April, 2004. The building was found to be open and abandoned and destroyed by fire and not feasible to repair.
- 2) A certified condemnation letter was mailed to Adolfo I. Castillo.
- 3) Certified notices of the public hearing scheduled for July 20th, 2004 were mailed to the owners and all interested parties on June 25th, 2004.
- 4) As of September 30th, 2004, there are no taxes owed.
- 5) This item has been postponed a number of times at the request of the attorneys which represent the property to allow them to investigate the fire. We were advised by the attorneys that the property would be demolished upon the completion of the investigation. We believe adequate time has been given to investigate the property.

The Department recommends that it be found:

- 1) That the main structure and accessory building be condemned as substandard, and unfit for habitation or use and a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
- 2) That the buildings are not in substantial compliance with the municipal ordinances regulating fire protection, structural integrity, and disposal of refuse; and
- 3) That the structure's certificate of occupancy be revoked; and
- 4) That the structure can not be repaired; and
- 5) That the main structure and accessory structure be demolished within 30 days; and
- 6) That the premises be cleaned of all weeds, trash, and debris within 30 days.

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BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS CODE COMPLIANCE May 3, 2004

Adolfo I. Castillo 8313 Hester St. El Paso, Texas 79907-4206

CITY COUNCIL

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ANTHONY COBOS
DISTRICT NO. 8

Re: 8313 Hester Rd. Lot: 14

Blk: Peterson Zoned: R-4

COD04-05541 Certified Mail Receipt # 7003 2260 0002 9957 7450

To All Owners, Lienholders, and Mortgagees:

An inspection at the above referenced address has revealed that the structure is in violation of the El Paso Municipal Code, Chapter 18.52.030 - Unsafe Structures - Owner Not To Allow Condition To Continue, which states:

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8313 Hester Road.

- c. Boarded up, fenced, or otherwise secured in any manner in if:
- i. The building constitutes a danger to the public even though secured entry, or
- ii. The means used to secure the building are inadequate to prevent unauthorized entry or use of the building in the manner described by subsection.

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- j. The premises are full of weeds, trash, and debris.
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Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 54l-4800.

FOR THE DIRECTOR FOR BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS:

Bill Stern

Building Inspector

BS/rl

Oaxaca, Bernal & Associates

J. ROBERTO OAXACA BOARD CERTIFIED PERSONAL INJURY TRIAL LAW ATTORNEYS AT LAW

1515 MONTANA AVENUE • EL PASO, TEXAS 79902

(915) 544-0406 • FAX (915) 544-7349

ABELARDO P. BERNAL JR. also member of colorado bar

July 9, 2004

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Tom Maguire, Residential Inspector Supervisor 2 Civic Center Plaza, 5th Floor El Paso, Tx. 79901

Re: 83[,]

8313 Hester, El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Maguire:

We have been retained by Patricia Villalobos, Individually, and as representative of Kevin Ponce, Valeria Ponce and Jennifer Ponce, deceased minors, to represent her with respect to the fire that occurred at the referenced property on January 30, 2004. Demand is hereby made that the structures located at 8313 Hester, El Paso, Texas be preserved in their unaltered entirety including, but not limited to any and all underground pipelines, the house, any easements. These structures constitute same must be preserved in order to avoid the spoliation of evidence. If the same is no longer in your possession, custody or control, please advise concerning the chain of such authority.

Further, do not allow anyone to remove any items or alter in any fashion the property referenced above.

We trust that our position on this is clear and will expect your complete cooperation in this regard.

Sincerely,

ABELARDO P. BERNAL

Attorney at Law

OAMACA, BERNAL & ASSOCIATES

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ABELARDO P. BERNAL JR. ALSO MEMBER OF COLORADO BAR

July 26, 2004

FACSIMILE: (915) 541-4710

Mr. Tom Maguire, Inspector Housing Compliance Supervisor 2 Civic Center Plaza, 9th Floor El Paso, Texas 79901

Re:

8313 Hester, El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Maguire:

We represent the homeowner of the above referenced property, Adolfo Castillo, for purposes of the condemnation. He is also represented by Eduardo Cadena.

We have placed a secure 6 foot fence with a lock around the property. We have barricaded the windows with plywood. The entire property is under lock and key.

We are conducting tests of the home and utilities and would request an additional 30 days to complete this testing. This will also allow the gas company to complete their own testing.

Please let me know immediately if this request will be granted and whether or not tomorrow's hearing can be canceled.

Sincerely,

ABELARDO P. BERNAL

Whelardo O. Bernal

Attorney at Law

The above has been reviewed and approved:

TOM MAGUIRE

To: Judy

From: Roxanne Date: July 26, 2004

Re: Villalobos

I spoke to a man named Bill at 541-4588, Mr. Maguire was not there. Bill said that he agreed with the letter but, we still need someone to show up at the hearing. Bill said to have someone from the firm meet Mr. Maguire at 900am outside the Chamber (next to the escalator) and have them go before the Council and request the 30 days.

Bill described Mr. Maguire as a big bald guy.

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8313 HESTER ST

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August 31, 2004

FACSIMILE: (915) 541-4710

Mr. Tom Maguire, Inspector Housing Compliance Supervisor 2 Civic Center Plaza, 9th Floor El Paso, Texas 79901

Re:

831\$ Hester, El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Maguire:

We represent the homeowner of the above referenced property, Adolfo Castillo, for purposes of the condemnation. He is also represented by Eduardo Cadena.

During your last conversation with my paralegal, you indicated we would receive an additional two weeks from August 24, 2004, and if we needed more time we should request same in advance.

As we are conducting tests of the soil which includes excavation, request is hereby made for an additional 30 day extension of the condemnation to complete this testing. This will also allow the gas company to complete their own testing as well.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

ABELARDO P. BERNAL

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Attorney at Law

The above has been reviewed and approved:

TOM MAGUIRE

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM # ___ FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 22ND, 2004

BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS

MEMORANDUM

June 16, 2004

TO:

The Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: R. Alan Shubert, P. E. - Building Permits and Inspections Director

FROM:

Tom Maguire, Housing Compliance Supervisor

SUBJECT:

8313 Hester Road

(Rep. District #7)

Scheduling a public hearing to be held on July 20th, 2004 to determine if the property located at 8313 Hester Road in the City of El Paso (Legal description on file with the City Clerk) is a fire and safety hazard, and a nuisance and whether the same should be repaired or demolished. First investigated April 26th, 2004. The owner of record as of May 28th, 2004, Adolfo I. Castillo, C/O Eduardo Cadena P. C., 1017 Montana Avenue, El Paso, Texas 79902, has been notified of the violations at this property. District #7

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To All Interested Parties:

You are hereby notified that at 9:00 a.m. on the 20th day of July, 2004 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, #2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, Texas, the City Council of El Paso will hold a public hearing on the question of whether the Building located on the property at 8313 Hester Road, in El Paso, Texas, which property is more particularly described as:

Lot: 14, Peterson Subdivision, an Addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the map thereof on File in Book 7, Page 37, Plat Records of El Paso County, Texas

is unsafe and dangerous.

According to the real property records of the County of El Paso, Texas, Adolfo I. Castillo, C/O J. Eduardo Cadena, 1017 Montana Avenue, El Paso, Texas 79902, is listed as the Owner of the real property described herein.

The Owner of said property is hereby ordered to appear before City Council and any mortgagees, lien holders, and other persons having an interest in said property are entitled to appear before City Council at said date, hour, and place to show cause why said Building should not be declared a nuisance and ordered to be abated; and

The Owner, lien holders, mortgagees, or any other person having an interest in the property are hereby required to submit at the hearing proof of the scope of any work that may be required to bring the building into compliance with Titles 17 and 18 of the code as mandated by Section 18.52.040 of the Municipal Code, and to specify the time it will take to reasonably perform the work.

At the hearing, the owners, lien holders, mortgagees, or any other person having an interest in the property must present to City Council any evidence showing that the structure or part thereof is safe.

All documents such as building plans, specifications, drawings, reports from design professionals and any other required documents must be presented to City Council at this hearing.

The time periods, which govern the completion of work ordered by Council, are outlined in Subsection 18.52.040 (3) pursuant to State law.

If the Owner fails, neglects or refuses to comply with the order of City Council the City may pursue one, or more of the following actions:

- the city will perform any and all work needed to bring the property into compliance with this order, at its own expense, but for and on account of the Owner, of said property, the cost of which shall be assessed as a lien against the property and;
- II) assess a civil penalty against the property Owner for failure to repair, remove or demolish said Building in an amount not to exceed \$1000.00 a day for each violation, or \$10 a day if the Owner shows that the property is the Owner's lawful homestead and;
- III) the Owner may be confined in jail as permitted by state law and;
- IV) appoint a receiver as permitted by state law.

Any civil penalty or assessment imposed will accrue interest at a rate of ten (10) percent a year from the date of the assessment until paid in full; and

That the City Clerk is ordered to provide notice of this hearing to the record Owner and all other persons having an interest in the property as provided by law.

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Adopted this 22nd day of June, 2004.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:	APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:
Marvin Foust	Tom Maguire
Assistant City Attorney	Housing Compliance Supervisor

r, RICHARDA DUFFY MOMSEN, City Cler correct copy of the foregoing Notice dated 8313 Hester Road, was PUBLISHED in the of, 2004.	k of the City of El Paso, hereby certify that a true and June 22 nd , 2004 regarding the property located at official City newspaper on theday
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I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice was POSTED at 8313 Hester Road, El Paso, Texas.	
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UNSAFE STRUCTURES REPORT

BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS

DATE OF EXAMINATION: June 4, 2004

REP. DISTRICT: 7

ADDRESS: 8313 Hester Road

ZONED: R-4

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 14, Peterson

OWNER: Adolfo I. Castillo

ADDRESS: 8313 Hester Road

BUILDING USE: Open and abandoned single-family dwelling

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION: V Wood frame and stucco

FOOTINGS: Concrete

CONDITION: Poor - Should be evaluated by a structural engineer.

FOUNDATION WALL: N/A

CONDITION:

FLOOR STRUCTURE: Concrete slab on grade

CONDITION: Poor - A fire destroyed all floor covering

EXTERIOR WALLS: CMU Block and wood framed stucco

HEIGHT: 8'

THICKNESS: 9"

CONDITION: Poor – All walls are fire damaged.

INTERIOR WALLS & CEILINGS: 2 x 4 and 2 x 6 wood frame

CONDITION: Poor - All wall and ceiling joist burned.

ROOF STRUCTURE: 2 x 6 wood rafters with asphalt rafters **CONDITION:** Poor – All rafters are burned and roof is collapsing.

DOORS, WINDOWS, ETC.: Wood doors and metal casement windows were all destroyed by

CONDITION: Poor

MEANS OF EGRESS: N/A

CONDITION:

PLUMBING: All utility systems were destroyed by fire.

ELECTRICAL: All utility systems were destroyed by fire.

MECHANICAL: All utility systems were destroyed by fire.

IF CONDEMNED, HOW MANY PERSONS WILL BE AFFECTED: $\,0\,$

WARNING POSTED: No

BARRICADED: No

POLICE AID REQD.: No

REMARKS: The house is collapsing and is fire damaged so bad it cannot be rebuilt. It should be demolished as soon as possible.

Bill Stern

Building Inspector

JOE WARDY MAYOR



BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS CODE COMPLIANCE May 3, 2004

Adolfo I. Castillo 8313 Hester St. El Paso, Texas 79907-4206 CITY

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FOR THE DIRECTOR FOR BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS:

Bill Stern Building Inspector

BS/rl

Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired. Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you. Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.	A. Signature A. Signature B. Received by (Printed Name) C. Date of Delivery
Adolfo I. Castillo 8313 Hester Road El Paso, Texas 79907-4206 Re: 8313 Hester Road	D. Is delivery address different from item 1?
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